

VOLUME I.

## ON A HILL-TOP.

"It is Margaret's son, I know I should see one of them before I die. O, my poor wronged sister! After so many years! Thank God! thank God!"

"You'd better coax the old lady to go upstairs again," said one of the workmen to the servant, touching his forehead significantly. It was evident that all present agreed in his estimate of her mental equilibrium. But until the arrival of the doctor the gray old woman held the unconscious sufferer's hand in hers, from time to time fondling it against her cheek and crooning over it, words of tenderness. When the surgeon came, Caroline, passing her arm round her shoulders, led her from the room.

An hour later, Mr. Barclay, accompanied by Edgar's step-mother, answered the summons sent them by telephone in the neighborhood, appearing to swell the anxious little group waiting in the dusky hall outside the sick room. Edgar had returned to consciousness, but the injury to his leg was exquisitely painful, requiring most treatment. Until the arrival of their own family physician, the doctor in charge refused to take the responsibility of sanctioning the removal of the patient. The distressed father walked to and fro in moody silence, and when twilight brought Dr. Gray, urged him to say that Edgar might be carried in an ambulance to his home.

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"Who wants the key?" he asked the youth.  
"Lady in a hurry."  
"Where is she?"  
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"Just go and ask her name. No. 147 is not her key."  
To a room at the boy returned.  
"It don't make no difference," he said. "The woman says it is a mistake—and she's gone."

The clerk smiled and turning to the reporter said: "This is a new scheme, and women generally work it. They go into the ladies' parlor, ring for the bell boy, and send him in a matter of fact way for the key of some room. He takes the key for it, and if he is busy or thinking of something else, he hands it out without question. Then the female stranger goes through the room in a hurry, trusting to thieves' luck that the occupant will not return before she gets away. The hotel is responsible for the loss."

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## The Weather at Honolulu.

(Philadelphia Times.)  
"Talk about tornadoes and cyclones," said Reserve Officer Stark. "People living in this section of the country don't know what they are. In the neighborhood of the Sandwich Islands, and particularly off Honolulu, which is at the head of a land-locked harbor, is the place for hurricanes. The mountain back of Honolulu are saw-shaped and they have a queer effect on the atmospheric currents. There is no anchorage outside the harbor and vessels that don't care to touch at Honolulu usually 'lay off and on' as the sailors have it, while they send a boat ashore. I have seen a half dozen ships lying off Honolulu within hailing distance of each other—one in a shower of rain, another in a dead calm, with a bright sun shining overhead; a third in a smooth breeze and a fourth in such a gale that everything had to be close-reefed."

"The different air currents are so close together and so sharply defined that I have been standing on the deck of a vessel with the sun shining brightly overhead and not a ray of light coming from the sea, while within ten feet of me on one side it was raining big guns, and not twenty feet the other way blowing a regular hurricane. I never shall forget one day. It was about noon and I was leaning over the port rail amidships. There wasn't a ray of light blowing to light a feather. Suddenly I heard a roar and knew that a tornado was passing by the ship. It was so close that when I stretched out my hand the wind struck it with such force that I was whirled completely around. Our port anchor, which weighed about a ton and a half, was hanging on the rail forward, and the same gust struck one of the flukes. It tore loose the fastenings, whirled that anchor through the air like a bit of thatis down, and left it hanging on the main yard-arm. It put us to a heap of trouble to get it down again."

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**Two Thousand Years Ago.**  
The circulation of the blood, according to Dr. Gordon, was familiar to the Chinese 2,000 years ago. Harvey's discovery of it was made about 200 years ago.

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BREMEN BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.  
F. A. SCHAEFER & Co., Agents.  
Also agents for the  
Dresden Board of Underwriters.  
Vienna Board of Underwriters.  
For the Hawaiian Islands.  
210-261.

FORTUNA GENERAL INSURANCE COM-  
pany of Berlin.  
F. A. SCHAEFER & Co., AGENTS.  
The above Insurance Company has established a  
General Agency here, and the undersigned, General  
Agents, are authorized to take risks against the dangers  
of the Sea at the most reasonable rates and on the  
most favorable terms.  
210-261.

GERMAN LLOYD MARINE INSURANCE  
Company of Berlin.  
F. A. SCHAEFER & Co., AGENTS.  
The above Insurance Company has established a Gen-  
eral Agency here, and the above signed, General Agents,  
are authorized to take risks against the dangers of the  
Sea at the most reasonable rates, and on the most  
favorable terms.  
210-261.

HAMBURG-MAGDEBURG FIRE INSUR-  
ance Company of Hamburg.  
A. JAEGER, AGENT.  
Building, Merchandise, Furniture and Machinery  
Insured against Fire on the most favorable terms.  
210-261.

HAMBURG-BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE  
Company.  
F. A. SCHAEFER & Co., AGENTS.  
The above firm having been appointed agents of this  
company, are prepared to insure risks against fire on  
Stone and Brick buildings and on Merchandise stored  
therein, on the most favorable terms. For particulars  
apply at their office.  
210-261.

NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE  
Company of Boston.  
CASTLE & COOKE, AGENTS.  
INCORPORATED 1835.  
The oldest Purely Mutual Life Insurance  
Company in the United States.  
Policies Issued on the most Favorable Terms.  
Losses paid through Honolulu Agents, \$40,000  
210-261.

NORTH-GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
Company of Hamburg.  
H. HACKFELD & Co., AGENTS.  
Capital and Reserve, Reichsmark 8,330,000,  
their Re-Insurance Companies, 15,000,000.  
The Agents of the above Company for the Hawaiian  
Islands, are prepared to insure Buildings, Furniture,  
Merchandise and Produce, Machinery, etc., also Sugar  
and Rice Mills, and vessels in the harbor, against loss  
or damage by fire, on the most favorable terms.  
210-261.

NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE  
Insurance Company of Boston, Mass.  
INCORPORATED 1835.  
Assets January 1st, 1884, nearly \$17-  
000,00